

Herman South
STPD-75-3(107) C.N. 21704



PUBLIC INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE MEETING
American Legion Hall, 705 Main St., Herman, NE
Thursday, August 7, 2014; 4:00–6:00 PM

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LOCATION: The proposed project would involve a portion of U.S. Highway 75 (US-75) located in and south of the Village of Herman, in Washington County. The New York Creek Bridge (Structure S075 12479), 0.21 miles south of the corporate limits of Herman at Mile Marker (MM) 124+53, would be rehabilitated. From MM124+53, at the north end of the New York Creek Bridge, the plan includes reconstructing 0.74 miles of US-75, proceeding north to MM125+27, 0.04 miles north of the intersection of US-75 and 3rd Street in Herman. Construction may begin and/or end approximately 200 feet ahead of or beyond the actual project limits to accommodate transitioning the pavement.

PROJECT HISTORY: The project was in development up until 2007, when it was suspended due to insufficient funding. The project is now being redeveloped and is back in the planning stage. New federal environmental standards require an updated alternatives analysis. The five alternative designs that were considered included:

- No Build (do nothing and continue to maintain the existing roadway and bridge structures)
- Build on the current alignment
- Build to the west of the existing US-75
- Build directly east of the existing US-75
- Build far east of the existing US-75 (between Herman Creek and the existing sewage lagoons)

NDOR has chosen to continue developing the Far East alternative as the preferred alternative, as it is the most permissible alternative when considering cost, wetlands, etc., and is asking for public input.

PURPOSE AND NEED: The purpose of the project is to preserve the US-75 transportation asset, improve the reliability of the highway system, and perpetuate the mobility of the traveling public. The need for this project is based on the condition of the existing bridges. The most recent inspections of the condition of the existing Herman Creek Bridge (Structure S075 12533, MM125+07), indicate that the bridge requires rehabilitation up to and including replacement.

SCOPE OF WORK: Proposed improvements on this project may include repairs to the New York Creek Bridge, replacement of the Herman Creek Bridge, and the construction of two new overflow structures. New pavement would be constructed at the bridge replacement locations. In addition, the grade of the roadway may be raised approximately 7 feet to prevent future overtopping of the roadway. Existing guardrail would be updated throughout the project. Sidewalk curb ramps, compliant with state and federal regulations, would be constructed where required in the Village of Herman.

TRAFFIC VOLUMES:

	US-75	South and In Herman	
Year		2016	2036
Vehicles Per Day (ADT)		5280	6910
% Heavy Trucks		8%	8%

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE: Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin as early as fall of 2016, and be complete as early as fall of the following year.

ACCOMMODATION OF TRAFFIC: The proposed construction would be completed “under traffic” (without detouring). Lane closures with temporary traffic control are anticipated. Local access would be maintained to the extent practical during construction, and temporary roadways may be required where the new roadway would be tied into the existing US-75.

RIGHT-OF-WAY: The proposed project would require the acquisition of additional property rights including new right-of-way (ROW), control of access (CA), and temporary easements (TE) for construction throughout the project area. New ROW impacts would be approximately 4.7 acres. Temporary easement impacts would be approximately 1.6 acres. No relocations are anticipated.

POTENTIAL IMPACTS: Permanent and temporary wetland impacts are associated with the project. Permanent wetland impacts are approximately 0.44 acres. Potential mitigation would occur either on-site or off-site at a local wetlands bank. The Village of Herman’s sewage lift station property was purchased in 2007, in anticipation of the project, and would need to be relocated as part of this project. These costs would be incurred as part of the project. Service may or may not be disrupted. Temporary impacts to Herman Creek are anticipated as a result of a contractor’s access crossing and as a result of removing the existing bridge structure. No impacts are anticipated at the New York Creek.

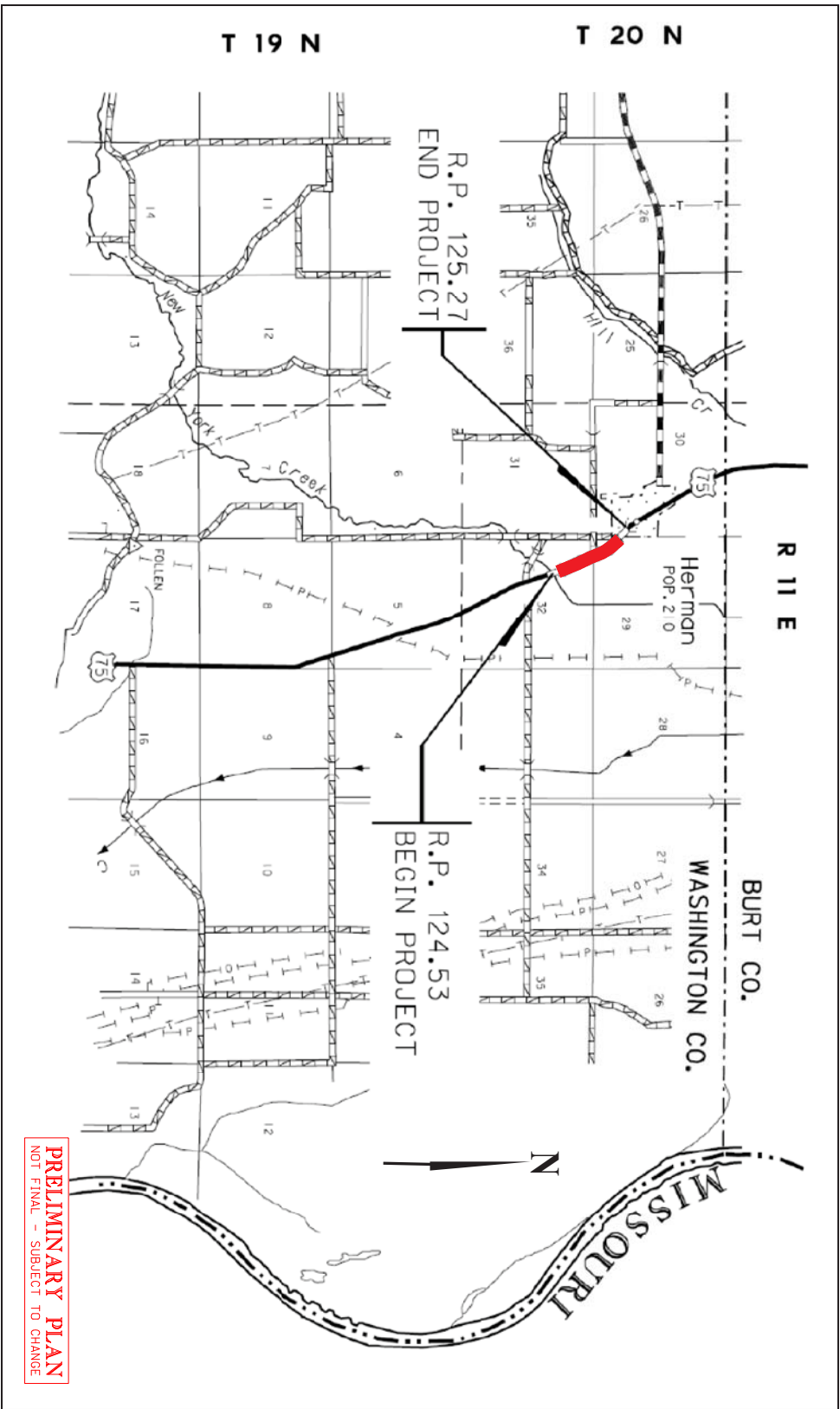
ESTIMATED COST: The cost of the project is approximately \$6.6 million, and would derive from federal and state funding sources. Washington County and the Village of Herman would not be responsible for any of the basic project costs. Additional work requested, if any, would be the fiscal responsibility of the Village of Herman or Washington County.



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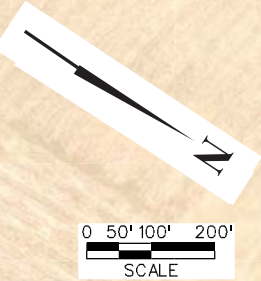
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Herman School Road

Potential 4(f) Property

Village of Herman

Herman Creek

2nd Street

3rd Street

4th Street

West Alternative

On Alignment Alternative

East Alternative

Far East Alternative

Pedestrian Structure

Lift Station

Wastewater Treatment Lagoons

Herman Creek

New York Creek

US-75

Main Street

PRELIMINARY PLAN
NOT FINAL - SUBJECT TO CHANGE

